frequent adjournments, absence of prosecution and defence counsels at hearings, defective recording of evidence, indifferent role of prosecution lawyers, low convictions, less working days in courts, delayed delivery of judgement, absence and non-implementation of code of conduct for lawyers *vis-a-vis* litigants and inaction of BCA etc.;

(b) if so, whether Government have any proposal to amend the various sections of Code of Criminal Procedure; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As regards amendment of Criminal Procedure, the Law Commission of India has comprehensively reviewed the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973. The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1994 is pending consideration by Parliament. The Government has recently appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Justice V.S. Malimath, to suggest measures for revamping the Criminal Justice System.

Amendment in Marriage Laws

869. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to further amend the Marriage Laws and other related Acts to provide for prompt disposal of applications for payment of interim maintenance relief to the divorced/deserted wife;

(b) if so, the details of amendments proposed to be made;

(c) whether Government also propose to increase the quantum of maintenance relief fixed more than 45 years ago;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when the proposed amendments are likely to be introduced in Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a), (b) and (e) Yes, Sir. The Government has introduced in this regard the Marriage Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2001 in the Rajya Sabha on 24th July, 2001.

(c) No ceiling has been provided in the existing laws on permanent alimony and maintenance.

(d) Does not arise.

Fast Track Courts in Andhra Pradesh

870. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of fast track courts sanctioned to the State of Andhra Pradesh, so far, for clearing the pending cases;

(b) the total amount released by Government for setting up of these courts;

(c) whether the amount sanctioned is sufficient to meet the expenditure; and

(d) if not, what Government are planning to do in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) The total number of Fast Track Courts sanctioned to the State of Andhra Pradesh is 86.

(b) An amount of Rs. 7.54 crore has been released by Central Government to Andhra Pradesh for setting up of Fast Track Courts.

(c) and (d) The grants are released to the State Governments on the basis of the recommendations of the Eleventh Finance Commission. The Scheme is implemented in a phased manner. There are savings of recurring expenditure in the first year. The State Government may utilise such savings for the purpose provided they achieve the physical target recommended by Eleventh Finance Commission.